

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 2 comprising clamping means for holding ~~7~~ further comprising a clamp to hold the container in the holder during movement between the receiving and operative positions.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~1-17~~ wherein the mounting means ~~include~~ ~~mount~~ includes a tapered seating which holds the container in place during inversion and operation.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) Blending apparatus comprising a container having an opening through which product to be blended is introduced into the container, a lid to close the opening, a blending element mounted on the lid and directed downwards into the container when

the lid is located thereon, a drive driveably engageable with the blending element to rotate the element and obtain a blending action on product in the container, and a mount on which an assembly of the container, lid and blending element is arranged to be located during blending,

the container being movable between an upright receiving position and an operative position in which the assembly is inverted with the lid lowermost and the drive is connectable to the blending element, wherein:

the mount includes a container holder into which the container is inserted and the container holder is rotatable between the receiving position and the operative position, Apparatus according to claim 6 wherein

the container holder is located within a housing with access into the housing through an opening,

the drive is located in the base of the housing for connection to the blending element when in the inverted operative position, and

the drive ~~means~~ is moveable vertically into driving engagement with the blending ~~means~~ element after the container reaches an operative blending position.

8. (Currently Amended) Blending apparatus comprising a container having an opening through which product to be blended is introduced into the container, a lid to close the opening, a blending element mounted on the lid and directed downwards into the container when the lid is located thereon, a drive driveably engageable with the blending element to rotate the element and obtain a blending action on product in the container, and a mount on which an assembly of the container, lid and blending element is arranged to be located during blending,

the container being movable between an upright receiving position and an operative position in which the assembly is inverted with the lid lowermost and the drive is connectable to the blending element, wherein:

the mount includes a container holder into which the container is inserted and the holder is rotatable between the receiving position and the operative position,

the container holder is located within a housing with access into the housing through an opening, and

Apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein the housing provides a microwave housing whereby product within the container may be heated by microwave radiation prior to, during and/or after a blending operation.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~1-17~~ wherein the drive ~~means~~ is arranged to rotate the blending element at different speeds including a blending speed and a lower mixing speed.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) Blending apparatus comprising a container having an opening through which product to be blended is introduced into the container, a lid to close the opening, a blending element mounted on the lid and directed downwards into the container when the lid is located thereon, a drive driveably engageable with the blending element to rotate the element and obtain a blending action on product in the container, and a mount on which an assembly of container, the lid and blending element is arranged to be located during blending.

the container being movable between an upright receiving position and an operative position in which the assembly is inverted with the lid lowermost and the drive is connectable to the blending element, wherein:

the mount is carried on a reciprocal support and during reciprocal movement of the support the mount is rotated between the receiving and operating positions, and

wherein the mounting means mount is ~~is moved~~ movable relative to a fixed member, and a cam and a cam track ~~means~~ are arranged to cause the rotational movement of the mounting means mount during said reciprocal movement.

Claims 12-19. (Canceled).

20. (New) Blending apparatus comprising a container having an opening through which product to be blended is introduced into the container, a lid to close the opening, a blending element mounted on the lid and directed downwards into the container when the lid is located thereon, a drive driveably engageable with the blending element to rotate the element and obtain a blending action on product in the container, a mount on which an assembly of the container, lid and blending element is arranged to be located during blending,

the container being moveable between an upright receiving position and an operative position in which the assembly is inverted with the lid lowermost and the drive is connectable to the blending element, wherein:

the mount includes a container holder into which the container is inserted and the holder is rotatable between the receiving position and the operative position,

the holder is located within a housing with access into the housing through an opening,

the drive is located in the base of the housing for connection to the blending element
when in the inverted operative position, and

the housing includes a drive arrangement to rotate the holder to bring the container into
said operative position.